# SPS-1 Construction Report US-54 Near Greensburg, Kansas Sections 200101 to 200164

SHRP North Central Region

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#### SPS-1 Experimental Design and Research Plan

The SPS-1 experiment has been developed to study the structural factors for flexible pavements. The objective of the study is to more precisely determine the relative influence of factors on the performance of flexible pavements. Those factors include drainage, base type and thickness, and asphalt surface thickness. The study objective includes a determination of the influence of environmental region and soil type on these factors. Accomplishing these objectives will provide substantially improved tools for use in the design and construction of new and reconstructed flexible pavements.

Some of the products of this experiment will help accomplish the objectives of the SHRP LTPP program. The key products from the SPS-1 experiment will include an evaluation of the existing design methods, development of improved design equations for new and reconstructed pavements, determination of the effects of specific design features on pavement performance, and development of a comprehensive data base for use by state and provincial engineers and other researchers.

Development of the national pavement data base is the tool to produce the analyses needed to produce the other products. This data base will permit centralized and efficient distribution of massive quantities of data to participating highway authorities, researchers, and other interested people. The data produced by this experiment will be used to evaluate existing design methods and performance equations. The AASHTO basic design equation for flexible pavements can be evaluated by comparing observed serviceability index against that predicted by the design equation. All of the inputs concerning the pavement structure, traffic, environment, drainage and material properties will be quantified. This experiment will also permit the variability associated with each of the inputs to be quantified and allow evaluation of the reliability aspects of the mode.

The proposed experimental design is aimed directly at determining the effects of the following specific pavement design features:

- 1. In-pavement drainage systems
- 2. Base type
- 3. Base thickness
- 4. Pavement thickness

The interaction of these factors will be determined in combination with the effect of environmental region and soil type. The effects of these factors will be studied under realistic performance conditions with significant materials and construction control. This experiment will add significantly to the understanding of the long-term performance of flexible pavements with asphaltic concrete surfaces.

Table 1 gives the basic experiment design for the SPS-1 experiment. The SPS-1 experiment in Kansas includes those sections listed in the R cells, for fine-grained soils in the dry-freeze zone.

PAVEMENT STRUCTURE COMBINATIONS								
DRAINAGE	TYPE	TOTAL BASE THICK	SURFACE THICK					
			4-					
	AGG	8=	7"					
	AGG		4"					
		12"	7-					
			4-					
		8*	7"					
ОИ	ATB		4"					
		12"	7-					
		AT3 'AGG	4"					
	ATB 4"AGG		7"					
			4 =					
		12"	7-					
			4"					
					8-	7-		
	PATE		4"					
	AGG	12"	7-					
			4=					
	1	16*	7-					
YES			4=					
•		8=	7=					
			4"					
	ATB PATE	12"	7*					
,	PATE		4 "					
:		16"	7-					

	FACTORS FOR MOISTURE, TEMPERATURE, SUBGRADE TYPE, AND LOCATION <sup>1</sup>														
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AGG = Dende-graded untreated aggregate base

ATB = Dense-graded asphalt treated base

PATB = 4" thick open-graded permeable asphalt-treated drainage layer, underneath ATB or over AGG base

4" AGG = 4" thick dense-graded untreated aggregate base layer underneath ATB

Table 1. Experimental Design for SPS-1

MIM I

200162 STATE PROJECT 1 1/2" ARS, 9 1/2" BIT. BASE, SUBBASE 239+00-244+00

200163 STATE PROJECT 4" AC/8" BGAB 297+00-302+00

200164 STATE PROJECT 12" AC 308+00-313+00

200159 STATE PROJECT 11" AC/SUBBASE 4 - 6' BORROW 509+00-514+00

200101 7" AC 8" DGAB 515+50-520+50 (515+55-520+55) (FIELD CHANGE)

200102 4" AC 12" DGAB 531+50-536+50

200106 7" AC 8" ATB, 4" DGAB 538+00-543+00

200107 4" AC 4" PATB, 4" DGAB 554+00-559+00

200108 7" AC 4" PTAB, 8" DGAB 560+50-565+50

200109 7" AC 4" PATB, 12" DGAB 569+50-574+50

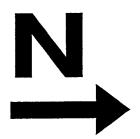
200110 7" AC 4" ATB, 4" PATB 576+00-581+00

200112 4" AC 12" ATB, 4" PATB 582+50-587+50

200111 4" AC 8" ATB, 4" PATB 589+00-594+00

AT 598+00 PCC 596+00-600+00 SPS-1 EAST OF GREENSBURG, KANSAS US-54 EAST BOUND UPDATED 4/15/94

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NOT TO SCALE

200105 4" AC 4"ATB, 4"DGAB 611+50-616+50

> 200103 4" AC 8" ATB 622+00-627+00

200104 7" AC 12" ATB 628+50-633+50

Figure 1. Project Layout

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200160 STATE PROJECT 5 1/2" AC, 7" DGAB 735+00-740+00

> 200161 STATE PROJECT 5 1/2" AC, 11" DGAB 787+00-792+00

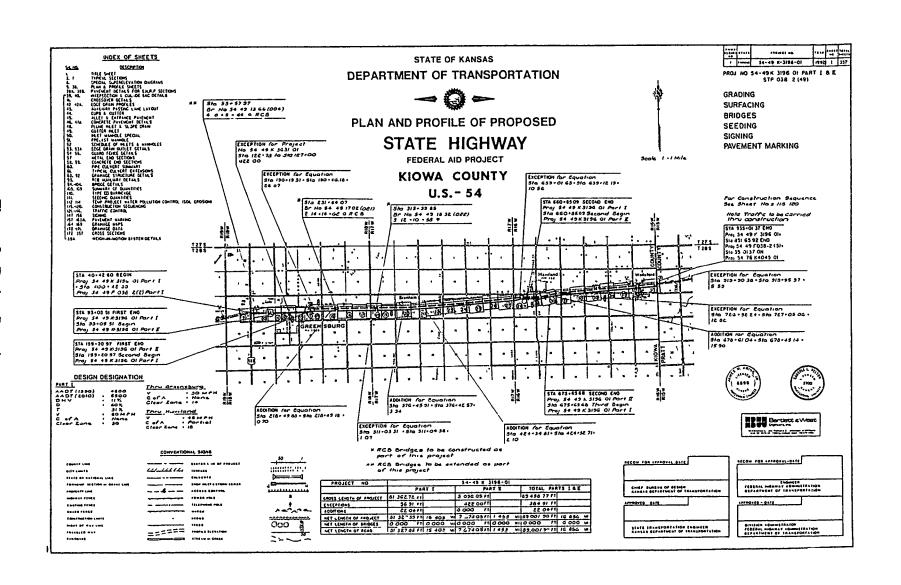
#### **Project Details**

The Kansas SPS-1 project was constructed in 1993 and is located in the eastbound driving lane of US-54, near Greensburg (see Figure 2 for project location). The project involved the new construction of a two-way asphalt-surfaced roadway, offset from the original alignment by approximately 50 feet. The SPS experiment consists of twelve standard SPS-1 test sections, plus one Kansas DOT control section and five supplemental sections, and is built in the dry-freeze zone. Subgrade soils on the project are sandy silt. An SPS-9 project was also constructed adjacent to the SPS-1, from station 205+00 to 273+00.

The typical sections for the project are shown in Figure 3. The Kansas DOT has calculated estimated service life of the SPS sections, which are shown below in Table 2. Existing topsoil was removed, the underlying materials subcut to accommodate the pavement thicknesses, and the base and surface layers placed in various thicknesses. Material was placed and compacted according to KDOT Standard Specifications Section 210.

Table 2. Estimated Life of Kansas SPS-1 Sections

Section Number	Estimated Life (yrs)
200162	10
200163	13
200164	20
200101	13
200102	4.5
200106	87
200107	6.5
200108	20
200109	120
200110	36
200112	95
200111	39
200105	2
200103	28
200104	47
200160	10
200161	10



US-54 carries an average two-way ADT of 5,000, with 28 percent trucks. The estimated design 18K ESAL in the SHRP lane is 469 with a total of 4,690,250 18K ESAL applications over the 10-year design period.

There were no known deviations from project guidelines. All test sections were located between the cities of Greensburg and Haviland, Kansas. There are no horizontal curves located in the SHRP areas and the vertical grade in the sections varies from -0.05 to +0.62 percent in the direction of travel. All sections are located on fill sections, and none contain underground structures.

No weather station has been installed to date, but one is scheduled for installation in 1994. A weigh-in-motion system was installed and is operating at station 598+00, and was supplied by a contractor from Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

#### **Project Coordination**

The Kansas DOT conducted the materials sampling and testing, and also provided their own Resident Engineer. Dennis Hermanson served as Construction Engineer and Bob Armstrong, P.E. served as Project Engineer for the DOT. The following people were actively involved in the project:

#### Kansas Department of Transportation:

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Popejoy Construction Co., Inc. Box 385 Ulysses, KS 67880 Phone: (316) 356-3404

Venture Corporation was subcontracted to perform all of the work required for the construction of the SPS-1 project, including grading and paving.

#### Layout

Figure 1 shows the project layout, and Table 3 gives a description of the sections. Three SPS-9 sections were constructed just west of the SPS-1 experiment. Sections were laid out according to base type and surface layer thickness. Three supplemental sections were the first sections in the SPS-1 experiment, followed by the KDOT control section. Six sections containing dense graded aggregate base were next, followed by the six sections containing asphalt treated base. Two supplemental sections, each containing 5-1/2 inches of asphalt surfacing over dense graded aggregate base were placed last.

#### Material Sampling and Testing

A summary of the Material Sampling and Testing Plan is shown in Figure 4. KDOT personnel conducted all sampling and testing and data collection, with assistance from the LTPP North Central Regional Office. Table 4 gives a listing of all samples taken for the project.

#### Construction

Construction of the project began in the Fall of 1992, with all required removals and utility relocations. Work on the base and subbase preparation was scheduled to begin May 1, 1993, but was delayed due to rain. Work did begin in late May, but was slow. The contractor experienced several problems during construction, many of which were caused by the weather. The area experienced much higher than average precipitation during the spring of 1993, resulting in delays and a wet subgrade. To dry out the subgrade, the contractor was allowed to incorporate flyash.

During the FWD testing, high deflections were measured in the base in some areas. These deflections will continue to be monitored. Also, when placing the asphalt treated base, the material rolled out beyond the design width. There was also segregation in the mix. Both problems were corrected with adjustments in construction methods.

All work was completed on the test sections, and the roadway opened to traffic on November 1, 1993.

Table 3. Kansas SPS-1 Section Layout

Construction Station	SHRP ID	Base	Surface
239+00 to 244+00	200162	9-1/2" Bit. Base Subbase	1-1/2" ARS
297+00 to 302+00	200163	8" DGAB	4" KDOT Mix
308+00 to 313+00	200164	Subbase	12" KDOT Mix
509+00 to 514+00	200159	Subbase 4-6' Borrow	11" KDOT Mix
515+55 to 520+55	200101	8" DGAB	7" KDOT Mix
531+50 to 536+50	200102	12" DGAB	4" KDOT Mix
538+00 to 543+00	200106	8" ATB 4" DGAB	7" KDOT Mix
554+00 to 559+00	200107	4" PATB 4" DGAB	4" KDOT Mix
560+50 to 565+50	200108	4" PATB 8" DGAB	7" KDOT Mix
569+50 to 574+50	200109	4" PATB 12" DGAB	7" KDOT Mix
576+00 to 581+00	200110	4" ATB 4" PATB	7" KDOT Mix
582+50 to 587+50	200112	12" ATB 4" PATB	4" KDOT Mix
589+00 to 594+00	200111	8" ATB 4" PATB	4" KDOT Mix
611+50 to 616+50	200105	4" ATB 4" DGAB	4" KDOT Mix
622+00 to 627+00	200103	8" ATB	4" KDOT Mix
628+50 to 633+50	200104	12" ATB	7" KDOT Mix
735+00 to 740+00	200160	7" DGAB	5-1/2" KDOT Mix
787+00 to 792+00	200161	11" DGAB	5-1/2" KDOT Mix

Table 4. Bulk Material Sampling During Construction

Material and Sample Description	Number of Samples	Sample Location							
Asphalt Concrete Coring - 4" Diam. Cores Bulk Sampling (100 lbs of each mix, uncompacted)	72 5	Regional Contractor Lab Minneapolis, MN							
Asphalt Cement 5 gallons each sample	1	Regional Contractor Lab Minneapolis, MN							
Materials Shipped to SHRP Asphal	Materials Shipped to SHRP Asphalt Reference Library								
Asphalt Cement 5 gallon containers	3	SHRP Reference Library Reno, NV							
Aggregate 55 gallon drums	5	SHRP Reference Library Reno, NV							
Finished Asphaltic Concrete Mix 5 gallon containers	15	SHRP Reference Library Reno, NV							

#### Subgrade Preparation

Because of the heavy rains, the contractor was allowed to incorporate flyash into the subgrade to create a stable working platform. This material was mixed into the upper 7 inches of soil, and is a Type C flyash. The target application rate was 8 percent. According to the Kansas DOT personnel on site, the contractor had problems incorporating the water into the flyash/subgrade mixture. They changed procedures to incorporate the water at the front of the mixing drum. This procedure worked much better. Water was added to increase the moisture content approximately 13.5 percent, although the DOT estimated the target moisture content to be about 17 percent. After the incorporation of the water, a Cat vibratory compactor was used to the compact the flyash/subgrade mixture.

In areas where the subgrade is comprised of up to three feet of fill and natural subgrade, two layers were sampled as part of the sampling and testing plan (subbase and subgrade).

#### Construction Schedule

Table 5 summarizes the construction schedule for the SPS-1 sections.

**Table 5. Construction Schedule** 

Test Section		Const	ruction	Range of Thicknesses	MST	
Layer	Layer Designation		Start Complete		Completed	
1	Subbase	May 1993	July 1993	0-3'	10/31/93	
2	DGAB	May 1993	August 1993	4"-12"	10/31/93	
3	PATB	July 1993	Sept 1993	4"	10/31/93	
4	ATB	August 1993	Sept 1993	4"-12"	10/31/93	
5	Surface	Sept 1993	October 1993	1-1/2"-11"	10/31/93	

Dates:

Opened to Traffic: November 1993 WIM Installed: October 1993 WIM Operational: October 1993 Weather Station Installed: Not to date Weather Station Operational: No

### Significant Factors Which May Affect Performance of Section

#### **Environmental**

Heavy rains delayed construction and resulted in wet subgrade. To dry out the subgrade, the contractor was allowed to incorporate 8% Type C flyash.

#### Construction

None

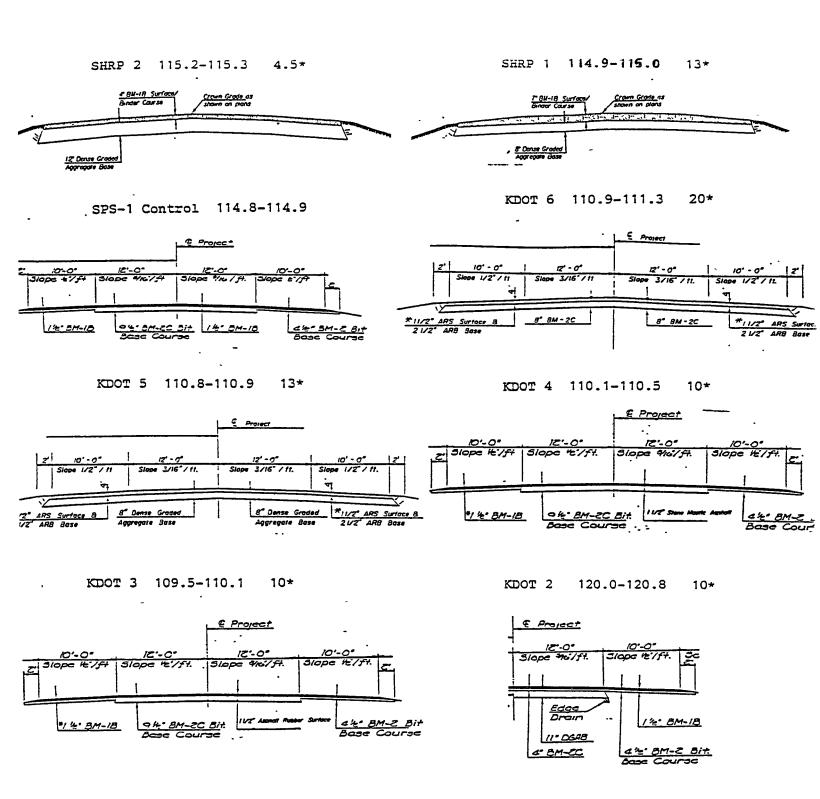
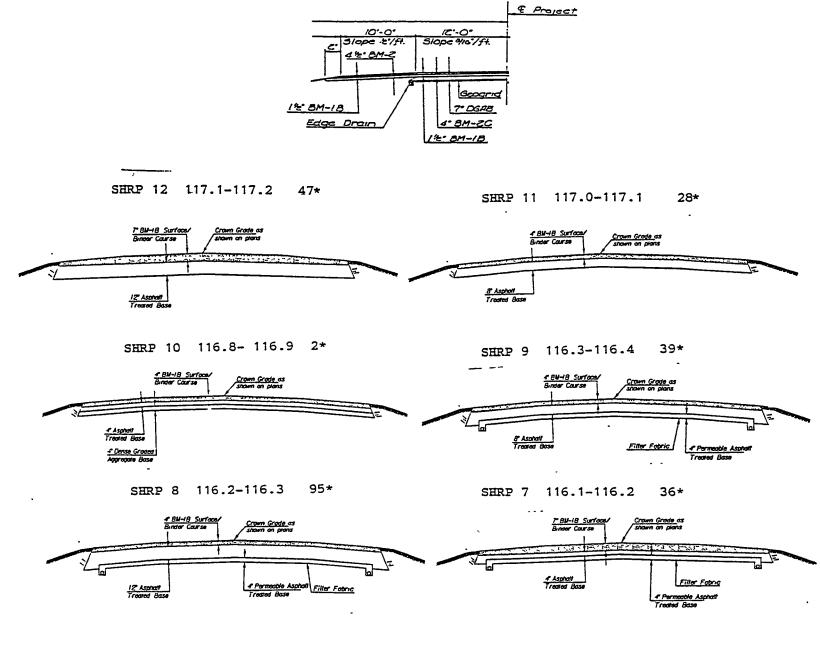


Figure 3. Typical Sections

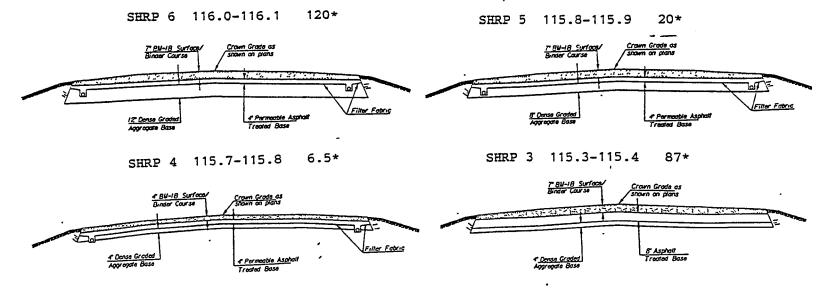


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Figure 3. Typical Sections (continued)



\* - Design Life of Asphalt

Figure 3. Typical Sections (continued)

# Kansas SPS-1 Subgrade Tests

KDOT Stnadard 200127	200101	200102	200106	200107	200108	200109
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200110	200112	200111	200105	200103	200104	
TLZ 763 724 B-	725 7-16 727 + + +	728 727 770 B-6 + + +	746 A17 ///6 0 0 0 T31 132 T32 + + +	734 775 36 + + +	7 37 139 B-8 +++	-
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Figure 4. Material Sampling and Testing Plan		<b>o</b> +	Bulk Sample Location Shelby Tube/Split Location of Field Shoulder Probe (S	Spoon Sampling t Testing (T1-T39	o 4' Below Top of Subgrade (A	l-A21)

## Kansas SPS-1 Dense Graded Aggregate Base

KDOT Standard 200127	200101	200102	200106	200107	200108	200109
+ + + TG1 T62 T63	+ + + +40 T41T4z	+ + + T42 +44 +45 B9	+ + +	+ + + T49 +50 T51	T + + + B10 t52 t53 T54	<u>+</u>

200110	200112	200111	200105	200103	200104	
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			158 160 BII			
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ial Sampling and ng Plan (continued)

- + Location of Field Testing (T40-T63)
  - Bulk Sampling
- Also required: 3 Bulk Samples of Aggregate Material 3 Moisture Content Samples at each Bulk Sample Location

## Kansas SPS-1 Asphalt Treated Base Tests

200127 KDOT Standard	200101	200102	200106	200107	200108	200109
			+ + + TG T65 T66			

200110	200112	200111	200105	200103	200104
+ + + + TIGT TIG TIG 4.	+ + + 170 171 172	+ + + T13 T14 T75	T17 + + + T76 T18	T80 + + + T79 T81	T83 + + + T82 T84

Testing Plan (continued)

Location of Field Testing (T64-T84)

Also required: 3 Bulk Samples of Asphalt Mixture from Plant

### Kansas SPS-1 Asphalt Layer Tests

200127 KDOT Standard	200101	200102	200106	200107	200108	200109
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200110	200112	200111	200105	200103	200104	
C31 + + + + (4) T106 T10	C41 • C42 • TI10 + + + 8 • C40 C44 • TI09 TI11	6 CAS CATO + + + + + + + + TH2 TH4	C52 o C53 o + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + +	C55 C570 + + + C56 C580 T118 T120	C61 0 C62 0 C62 0 C63 C63 0 C60 C64 0 T124 T173	• C65 • C66

Figure 4. . Material Sampling and Testing Plan (continued)

O 4" OD Core of Asphalt Surface (C5-C10)

4" OD Core of Asphalt Surface and PATB (C1-C4, C11-C66)

Also required: 3 Bulk Samples of Asphalt Mixture from Plant

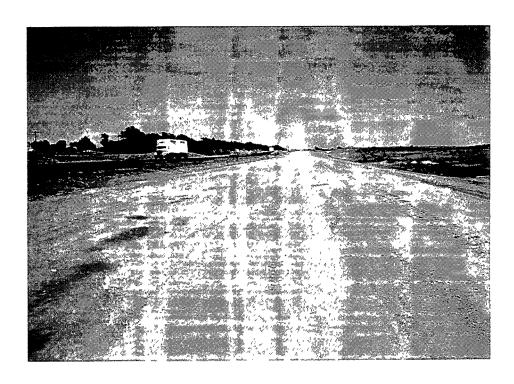
+ Location of Field Testing Within Test Section (T85-T123)



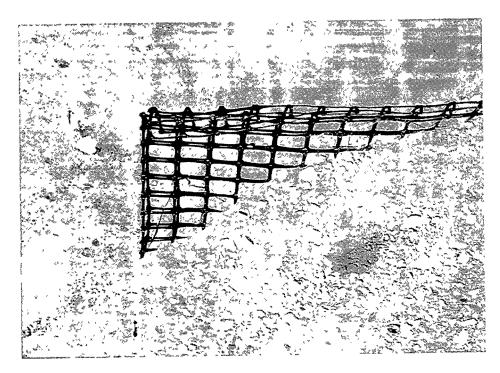
Section 200101 Graded Subgrade



Section 200112 Note Rutting in Subgrade



Dense Graded Aggregate Base Prior to Placement of Asphalt Layers



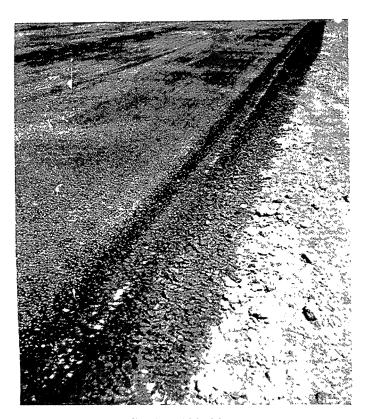
Section 200160 Geogrid Material Beneath DGAB



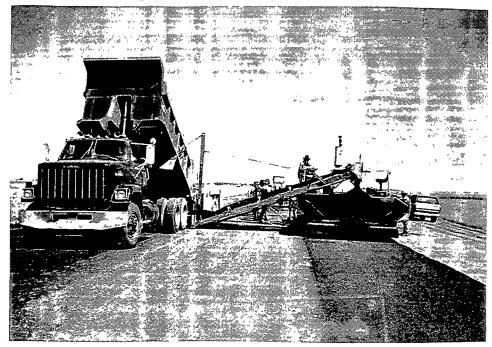
Section 200104
Asphalt Base Course Over Asphalt Treated Base



Section 200107
Filter Fabric Beneath PATB
Note Insufficient Overlap



Section 200103
Bituminous Base Course Mixture Over
Asphalt Treated Base Over DGAB



Section 200107
Paving Shoulder with Side Dump to Reduce Damage to PATB



Placement of Filter Fabric in Subgrade Trench